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Mr. Mark S. Fowler Chairman Federal Communications Commission 1919 M Street, N.W. Washington, DC 20554

Dear Mr. Fowler:

This replies to your letter of 20 June 1986 requesting my support for H.R. 4983, the "Satellite Communications Protection Act of 1986."

I share your concern for the protection of our nation's communications satellite networks and agree that passage of H.R. 4983 is important to maintaining the integrity of those networks. Provided that we can be assured in some appropriate fashion that the signals intelligence activities of this Agency will not be affected by the bill, we will make every effort to ensure that our support for the bill is communicated, through the Department of Defense, to the appropriate Congressional committees.

Sincerely,

WILLIAM E. ODOM

Lieutenant General, USA Director, NSA/Chief, CSS

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